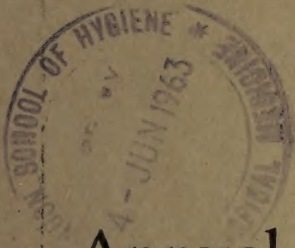


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Annual Report for the Year 1959

ON

THE HEALTH OF THE  
HOLLINGBOURN RURAL DISTRICT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

DR. F. H. M. DUMMER,  
M.B., Ch.B., C.P.H., D.P.H.







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Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my third Annual Report on the health of the Rural District of Hollingbourn.

There are several outstanding features in the Report for the year 1959; first among them must be the unique position of tuberculosis in the health of the community. During 1959 no death resulted from this cause, a circumstance which has never before occurred in your district.

Secondly the infantile mortality remains below that for England and Wales, and indeed has decreased from last year, although not by a very significant amount. In trying to estimate the trend in this mortality rate, one cannot, unfortunately, foresee that any dramatic improvements can be effected. The reason for this is that a considerable percentage of deaths caused in infants under the age of twelve months, and in particular under the age of one month, is by reason of congenital malformations and gross prematurity. There is a limit to what can be done in these circumstances, and it may well be that we are not far off the lowest rate which is likely to be achieved and maintained for any considerable length of time.

The death rate in 1959 fell from (corrected) 10.86 in 1958 to 10.50. This again is a very low death rate, and does not in the analysis show any significant swing away from the average expected age of death.

Unexpectedly, of the four districts for which I am Medical Officer of Health, Hollingbourn Rural has the highest figure per thousand of the population for cancer of the lung. At the same time it should be stated that it is not significantly higher than that for the other areas.

I have commented in the following pages on vaccination and immunisation. At various Committee meetings, you will recall that I have spoken many times on this subject. I would like, however, to stress in this Annual Report that our present freedom from the majority of infectious diseases such as smallpox, diphtheria and now poliomyelitis, shows a definite relationship to the level of immunity conferred by immunisation. As long as this immunity is maintained, we can face very hopefully the possibility of any future outbreaks. Once the barrier of protection has been broken by the community not taking advantage of the facilities available, outbreaks of disease are likely.

It would, for example, be a tragic thing if the public concentrated its interest entirely on poliomyelitis vaccination and forgot about protection from diphtheria and smallpox. We regard with some anxiety the decreasing figures for diphtheria immunisation, and give a warning that this disease is still a potential hazard if each successive age group is not immunised as fully as possible in the younger years of life.

From the administrative point of view, 1959 was the first year that the Public Health Department became an entity on its own, under the day-to-day administration of Mr. Chambers your Senior Public Health Inspector.

I would like to record my appreciation of the long and faithful service put into the work of the Public Health Department by Mr. Page, now your Surveyor. It is however, an advantage to have a separate department, rather than to have all the work within the purview of the Surveyor.





Mr. Chambers and Mr. Brook have carried out a considerable volume of work during 1959, as will be seen from the following pages. The 2,550 inspections which were carried out represent the wide scope of work which is now being dealt with in Public Health, and gives an indication of the vigilance which is necessary to put into effect the Council's policy of controlling those matters which might become hazards to Public Health.

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I have the Honour to be,

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

F. H. M. DUMMER,

Medical Officer of Health.

1st June, 1960



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I have the Honour to be,  
Sir, Chairman, Members and Gentlemen,  
Yours obedient servant,  
W. H. A. STANLEY,  
Medical Officer of Health.

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STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres)	.. .. .	56,810
Estimated resident population 1959		16,850
Number of inhabited houses, end of 1959 (according to rate books)	.. .. .	5,180
Rateable value, December 1959	.. .. .	£186,779
Sum represented by a penny rate	.. .. .	£700

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EXTRACT FROM VITAL STATISTICS

	Male	Female	Total
Live Births	152	134	286
Rate per 1,000 population	Crude -		16.97
	Corrected -		17.81
Illegitimate live births per cent of total Live Births			5.94

	Male	Female	Total
Stillbirths	3	3	6
Stillbirth rate per 1,000 live and still births			20.54
Total live and still births	155	137	292

	Male	Female	Total
Infant deaths	5	1	6
Total Infant deaths per 1,000 total live births			20.97
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births			22.30
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births			-

Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)		17.48
Early neo-natal mortality rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)		17.48
Perinatal Mortality Rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and stillbirths)		37.67

Maternal Mortality (including abortion)		Nil
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths		-

	Male	Female	Total
Deaths	101	76	177
Death rate per 1,000 population	Crude -		10.50
	Corrected -		9.76





PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Disease	Total cases notified.	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	13	-
Whooping Cough	-	-
Measles	144	-
Poliomyelitis	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-
Smallpox	-	-
Meningococcal infections	-	-
Encephalitis	-	-
Dysentery	2	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-
Puerperal pyrexia	-	-
Pneumonia	7	10
Paratyphoid fevers	-	-
Food poisoning	-	-
Erysipelas	2	-
Malaria	-	-
TOTALS	168	10

The main incidence of infectious disease in 1959 fell on measles. 1959 was an epidemic year for measles, and the figure of 144 represents an increase of 114 over the incidence for 1958.

The 13 cases of scarlet fever represent an increase of one over the previous year. In no case were there any complications, and the disease in general was mild.

The two cases of dysentery gave rise to no trouble, and were not a source of further spread of the disease.

It should be noted from the above table that for the thirteenth year in succession, no case of diphtheria occurred in your district. As was said in last year's Report, this very satisfactory state of affairs is one which depends upon the maintenance of a high level of immunity throughout the district, and will only remain as it is today while immunisation is carried on as a normal procedure in each successive young age group.

For the second year in succession there were no cases of poliomyelitis.





INFECTIOUS AND OTHER NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

ANALYSIS IN AGE GROUPS

DISEASE	Under 1	1-2	3-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25-45	46-65	66 & over	TOTAL
Scarlet Fever	-	-	2	8	3	-	-	-	-	13
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	8	21	43	67	4	-	1	-	-	144
Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Smallpox	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infections	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	2
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	4	1	7
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
Malaria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	8	21	45	78	7	1	1	6	1	168

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INFECTIOUS AND OTHER NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

PARISH DISTRIBUTION

	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Measles	Poliomyelitis	Diphtheria	Smallpox	Meningococcal Infections	Encephalitis	Dysentery	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Puerperal Pyrexia	Pneumonia	Paratyphoid Fever	Food Poisoning	Chrysipelas	Malaria
Bicknor	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Boughton Malherbe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Boxley	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bredhurst	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Broomfield	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chart Sutton	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Detling	2	-	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
East Sutton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Frinsted	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Harrietsham	1	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Headcorn	-	-	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Hollingbourne	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hucking	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Langley	4	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Leeds	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Lenham	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Otterden	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stockbury	2	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sutton Valence	1	-	33	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
Thurnham	1	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ulcombe	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Wichling	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wormshill	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	13	-	144	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	7	-	-	2	-





INFECTIOUS AND OTHER NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

MONTHLY DISTRIBUTION

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	TOTALS
Scarlet Fever	3	2	4	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	15	47	38	30	5	7	1	1	-	-	-	-	144
Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Smallpox	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infections	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	1	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Paratyphoid Fevers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Malaria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	18	50	48	31	7	10	1	1	-	2	-	-	168





POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION, 1959

The following table gives (A) the number of second injections and (B) the number of third injections given during the year ended 31st December, 1959:-

BORN	(A)	(B)
1959	17	-
1958	149	57
1957	28	137
1956	24	128
1955	18	115
1954	18	133
1953	25	132
1952	22	174
1951	32	132
1950	25	136
1949	34	169
1948	32	147
1947	40	176
1946	31	171
1945	34	144
1944	38	167
1943	53	106
Before 1943	789	293
Others	95	48
TOTAL	1,504	2,565

From the above table it will be seen that a relatively favourable percentage of the population is now vaccinated against poliomyelitis. It will be recalled that it was only in September 1958 that the Minister of Health granted permission for a third injection to be given. This decision, which has been satisfactorily followed, as seen from the second column of figures, shows a very good response by those people who had already had two injections.

Up to the end of 1959, the total for the third injection amounted to 2,630, and it can be assumed that a considerable proportion of the 1,504 included in column 'A' have now received a third injection.

The scheme has been further extended to include all people up to the age of 40, and in addition people over that age, in special categories, who are likely to come in contact with the disease.





### WHOOPIING COUGH IMMUNISATION, 1959

The following are the Whooping Cough immunisation figures based on record cards received by the County Medical Officer.

Year of Birth	Whooping cough Immunisation Primary
1959	64
1958	104
1957	8
1956	3
1955	1
1954	2
1953	3
1952	2
1951	-
1950	-
1949	-
1948	-
1947	-
1946	-
1945	-
Before 1945	-
TOTAL	187

The number of children immunised against whooping cough has risen by 40 in 1959. While it is true that whooping cough is regarded as a relatively minor disease, it should not be forgotten that in early infancy it still can be a grave one associated with complications. The simple fact is that the more severe effects of whooping cough can be largely thwarted by making full use of the immunisation facilities provided through the Local Health Authority and the General Practitioner service.

I would again like to point out that it is considered that the primary injections should be given at about the third month of life in order to give as full protection as possible throughout infancy.





### SMALLPOX VACCINATION, 1959

The following are the Smallpox vaccination figures for 1959 based on record cards received by the County Medical Officer.

Year of Birth	Smallpox Vaccination	
	Primary	Reinforcing
1959	105	-
1958	39	-
1957	8	-
1956	1	-
1955	-	-
1954	-	-
1953	-	-
1952	-	-
1951	-	-
1950	-	-
1949	-	-
1948	2	-
1947	-	-
1946	1	-
1945	-	-
Before 1945	1	3
TOTAL	157	3

The number of primary vaccinations rose in 1959 by 21, while the reinforcing vaccinations fell by 2.

The general absence of smallpox rather tends to give the notion that this is a disease which is on the way out. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Smallpox is a particular hazard through the contraction of travel lanes, and the nearness of possible foci of infection.

In infancy it is a simple and painless procedure for vaccination to be carried out, and is not one which should be left until adult life. As pointed out last year, the advantage of primary vaccination in infancy is that revaccination causes little or no inconvenience. Where an adult is to be vaccinated for the first time, the inconvenience may be very considerable.

There is, however, apart from the normal health precaution, a matter of social convenience which is becoming more important in these modern days.





# DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION, 1959

The following is a return of the number of children under the age of 15 years on 31st December, 1959, who had completed a course of immunisation at any time before that date (i.e. at any time since 1st January, 1945)

Year of Birth	Last complete course of injections (whether primary or booster) 1955 - 1959	1954 or earlier
1945	11	143
1946	24	184
1947	28	129
1948	27	168
1949	84	203
1950	90	94
1951	85	95
1952	69	115
1953	77	102
1954	140	19
1955	146	-
1956	141	-
1957	125	-
1958	124	-
1959	53	-
TOTAL	1,224	1,252

The following are the Diphtheria Immunisation figures for 1959 based on record cards received by the County Medical Officer.

Year of Birth	Diphtheria Immunisation	
	Primary	Reinforcing
1959	53	-
1958	103	-
1957	15	2
1956	4	2
1955	1	1
1954	2	30
1953	-	17
1952	2	4
1951	-	1
1950	-	9
1949	-	7
1948	-	-
1947	-	1
1946	-	-
1945	-	-
Before 1945	-	-
TOTAL	180	74





# TUBERCULOSIS

I am indebted to Dr. D. L. Pugh, the Chest Physician, for the following details of the numbers of contacts of known cases of tuberculosis examined during the year, and the number found to be suffering from tuberculosis. These figures relate to the area of the Chest Clinic, which coincides with the area of the four authorities, Maidstone Borough, Maidstone R.D., Hollingbourn R.D., and Malling R.D.

- (a) Number of contacts seen during 1959 of newly notified cases of tuberculosis .. .. . 236
- (b) Number of contacts examined during 1959 of cases notified prior to 1959 .. .. . 751
- (c) Number of contacts in (a) found to be suffering from pulmonary or non-pulmonary tuberculosis .. 2
- (d) Number of contacts in (b) found to be suffering from pulmonary or non-pulmonary tuberculosis .. 6

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AGE GROUPS	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 - 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 - 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 - 15	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
16 - 25	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
26 - 35	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
36 - 45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
46 - 55	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
56 - 65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
66 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	3	2	1	1	-	-	-	-

The unique feature of the above table is that for the first time no death has been recorded in your district from pulmonary or non-pulmonary tuberculosis. This very satisfactory state of affairs is one which reflects the considerable amount which is done in following up contacts of newly notified cases of the disease. The number of new cases notified in 1959 remains the same as that for 1958.

The work of the Chest Clinic is by no means diminished by the greater control which is being exercised over tuberculosis. On the contrary, the scope in this important section of preventive services has increased through its extension to all forms of chest complaints. Apart from tuberculosis, an increasing number of cases of bronchitis and carcinoma of the lung is being seen, and the indications are that in this latter group, for example, more and more work will have to be undertaken.



# CANCER

The number of deaths from cancer in Hollingbourn Rural District during the past ten years is given below:

1950	..	..	..	..	33
1951	..	..	..	..	34
1952	..	..	..	..	29
1953	..	..	..	..	33
1954	..	..	..	..	27
1955	..	..	..	..	33
1956	..	..	..	..	37
1957	..	..	..	..	31
1958	..	..	..	..	21
1959	..	..	..	..	30

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Deaths from cancer in 1959, distributed according to sites:

Site	Male	Female	Total
Cancer of stonach	2	-	2
Cancer of lung, bronchus	10	-	10
Cancer of breast	-	3	3
Cancer of uterus	-	1	1
Other sites	9	5	14
TOTALS	21	9	30

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Deaths from cancer in 1959, distributed according to age groups:

Age groups	Male	Female
0 - 1	-	-
2 - 5	-	-
6 - 15	-	-
16 - 25	-	-
26 - 35	-	-
36 - 45	-	-
46 - 55	2	1
56 - 65	10	2
66 and over	9	6
TOTALS	21	9





INFANT MORTALITY 1959

CAUSE	Under 1 week	1 - 2 weeks	2 - 3 weeks	3 - 4 weeks	Total under 4 weeks	4 weeks and under 3 months	3 - 6 months	7 - 12 months	Total deaths under 1 year
Premature Birth	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Congenital malformation	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Congenital Heart disease	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Pneumonia	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Leukaemia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Other causes	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
TOTALS	5	-	-	-	5	-	-	1	6

The above figures are too small for any significant conclusion to be drawn. It will be seen, however, that at least two of the deaths were caused by congenital malformations, over which there cannot possibly be any control.

The future trend in infant mortality is discussed more fully in the prefatory letter.





Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Mitchell and Gentlemen,

The Council's decision to separate the department of the Surveyor and Public Health Inspector became operative on the 1st April. Apart from the normal Public Health Duties the responsibilities for the cleansing services and operation of improvement grants were added to the new department.

Whilst much of the time in the early months of the new department were spent in re-organisation of the Cleansing Depot, inspection of food premises which include licensed houses and cafes made up the bulk of the work. The dry, hot summer brought with it a large crop of complaints and an insect problem which persisted into November.

Visits in connection with Housing legislation demanded a high priority both for slum clearance and improvement grants. The advent of Standard Improvement Grants in June added to the work of your two inspectors.



## INSPECTIONS

### Summary of Inspections

Whilst there is a drop in the number of visits as compared with 1958, it should be borne in mind that since April the department has comprised two inspectors. Work carried out during the first three months in connection with the duties of the Surveyor's Department have not been recorded. During 1958 the combined department comprised three inspectors and a cleansing superintendent.

Water Sampling	27
Water Supply	43
Sewage Disposal & Sewers	294
Refuse Disposal	157
Depot Administration	215
Tents, Vans, Sheds & Hopper Camps	36
Factories - with Power	3
Factories - Non-Power	3
Pest Control	22
Building Bye-laws - Improvement Grant	183
Building Bye-laws - Public Health Act	32
Initial Visits - P.H.A.	139
Revisits	257
Initial Visits - H.A.	164
Revisits	201
Infectious Disease	21
Slaughterhouses	583
Butchers	3
Bakehouses	5
Restaurants and Cafes	35
Ice Cream Premises	6
Other Food Premises	57
Milk Samples	10
Shops Act	20
Civil Defence	5
Rent Act	11
Diseases of Animals	13
National Insurance Act	5
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### Water Supplies

Houses connected to mains in 1959	95
Wells examined	-

### Infectious Disease

Notifications received	175
Visits made by Public Health Inspectors	21

### Notices

Number of informal notices served	36
Number of informal notices complied with	41
Number of Statutory Notices served	13
Number of Statutory Notices complied with	1
Number of Court Proceedings to require compliance with Notice. (Note: in each case Court Orders were made and the work subsequently executed)	1





## HOUSING

During the year it was possible to secure the demolition of fourteen of the condemned properties which had been vacated. As well as the making of further orders, some rehousing by the Council of tenants of condemned properties did take place. In December the Council decided to allocate all new houses (excluding Old Peoples' Dwellings) to slum clearance cases. An exception was made for general needs but to a limit of 25%. The Housing Committee in addition decided to lower the age limit at their discretion for single persons from slum clearance properties requiring re-housing in old persons dwellings.

The following information regarding housing in the Rural District is set out in the form in which it is asked for by the Ministry of Health:-

1.	Inspections of dwellinghouses during the year:-	
(1)	(a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (Under the Public Health or Housing Acts)	303
	(b) Numbers of inspections made for the purpose	761
(2)	(a) Numbers of dwellinghouses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidation Regulations, 1932	-
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	-
(3)	Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	5
(4)	Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonable fit for human habitation.	85
2.	Remedy of defects during the year, without service of formal notices:-	
	Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	41
3.	Action under Statutory Powers during the year:-	
	(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936	-
(1)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	-
(2)	Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-	
	(a) By Owners	-
	(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	-
	(c) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts:-	
(1)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	36





(2)	Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:	
(a)	By Owners	1
(b)	By Local Authority	-
(c)	Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936	-
(1)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	5
(2)	Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	14
(d)	Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:	
(1)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	-
(2)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined the tenements or rooms having been rendered fit	-
4.	Housing Act 1936, Part IV	
	Overcrowding.	
(a)	(i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	-
	(ii) Number of families dwelling therein	-
	(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein	-
(b)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	1
(c)	(i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	-
	(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases	-
(d)	Particulars of any cases in which dwellinghouses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	-

#### HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT, 1959 - IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

##### (1) DISCRETIONARY GRANTS

Number of Applications received	26		
Number of Applications approved	26		
Number of Applications actually proceeded with	24		
Of those 24 the following figures apply:-			
Total Cost of all work	£38,589.	11.	0.
Total Cost of Improvement work only	£33,075.	5.	1.
Total Cost of Grants made	£15,442.	0.	0.

##### (2) STANDARD GRANTS

Number of Applications received	23		
Number of Applications approved	23		
Number of Applications actually proceeded with	23		
Of those 23 the following figures apply:-			
Maximum Grant approved	£2,540.	15.	0.
Amount paid	£2,151.	10.	0.



### MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

The situation with regard to Licences to station and use moveable dwellings is as follows:-

No. of new applications received	16
No. of applications for extension of licences	7
No. of applications refused	1
No. of licences issued	22
No. of applications withdrawn	-
No. of proceedings	-
No. of appeals to Justices	1

### Caravan Sites

An application for licence to station caravans on a site within the village of Ulcombe was refused. The Bearsted Magistrates upheld the refusal on appeal.

A further application by the same Company for a licence to station twenty five caravans on a site above the village was granted. Town and Country Planning objections have however prevented an establishment of the site.

A six months extension for the site at Detling for the Maidstone Bye-Pass Contractors was granted.

<u>Parish</u>	<u>No. of caravans</u>
Boughton Malherbe	-
Bicknor	-
Boxley	3
Bredhurst	1
Broomfield	2
Chart Sutton	1
Detling	3
East Sutton	-
Frinted	-
Harrietsham	2
Headcorn	4
Hollingbourne	2
Hucking	-
Langley	2
Leeds	1
Lenham	2
Otterden	-
Stockbury	3
Sutton Valence	1
Thurnham	2
Ulcombe	2
Wichling	-
Wormshill	-
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The residential camp at Holm Mill, Harrietsham, was conducted satisfactorily throughout the year.





### FOOD PREMISES

The premises in the Rural District in which food is prepared, served or sold are as follows:-

Cafes and Restaurants	14
Residential Hotel	1
Roadhouse	1
Public Houses serving meals	3
Public Houses not serving meals	57
Grocers	58
Greengrocers	2
Fishmongers	2
Bakers	6
Butchers	11

The number of premises registered under the Food and Drugs Act, Section 14, are as follows:-

(1) For the sale and storage of ice cream	54
(2) Preparation or manufacture of sausages, or potted, pickled, pressed or preserved food intended for sale	3
(3) Number of Dairies registered under Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949	2

### Ice Cream

Ice Cream is retailed from 54 registered shops in the district and in addition 14 restaurants and cafes serve it. All ice cream is prepared and samples taken have shown good results. There are no places where the commodity is manufactured in this district.

### Milk and Dairies

Dairies registered	2
Distributors registered	27

#### Dealers' Licences

Pasteurised	7
Sterilized	8
Tuberculin Tested	8

#### Supplementary Licences

Pasteurised	10
Sterilized	7
Tuberculin Tested	9

One sample of raw milk was taken during the year and was reported satisfactory.

### Disposal of Condemned Food

The condemned food from licensed slaughterhouses is in most cases collected by the Sheppey Glue Works, Queenborough. Small quantities of condemned food are disposed of by local incineration or in the furnace at the Lenham Bacon Factory.

### Clean Food Campaign

Every effort was made during the year to secure improvements by education in food hygiene. With the co-operation of the Surveyor much progress has been made in licensed houses during improvement alteration. Statutory Action was taken during the year both under the Public Health Act and Food and Drugs Act to secure improvements in a Free Licensed House.





# FOOD INSPECTION

## Meat Inspection

Every animal slaughtered in your district for human consumption is examined by your inspectors.

	<u>Sheep and Lambs</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Calves</u>
Number killed	• 470	9,054	138	8
Number inspected	470	9,054	138	8
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis</u>				
(a) Whole carcasses condemned	-	5	16	-
(b) Carcasses of which some part of organ was condemned	16	852	11.6	-
(c) Percentage of number inspected affected with tuberculosis	3.4	9.4	-	-
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>				
(a) Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-
(b) Carcasses of which some part of organ was condemned	-	247	-	-
(c) Percentage of number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	2.7	-	-

## Weight of food condemned during the year

35 tins luncheon meat	Blown, damaged, and/or internal decomposition.	each tin 7 ozs.
2 tins pork shoulder		each tin 4 lbs.
2 cases cheese		each case 24 lbs.
2 cases lard		each case - 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. pkts.
1 tin chopped pork		each tin 4 lbs.
7 tins pears		each tin 1 lb.
8 tins tomatoes		each tin 8 ozs.
7 tins evaporated milk		each tin 2 pt.
2 tins plums		each tin 1 lb. 4 ozs.
2 tins corned beef loaf		each tin 1 lb.
5 tins pineapple		each tin 12 ozs.
3 tins processed peas		each tin 1 lb. 3 ozs.
1 tin fruit cocktail		1 lb. 1 oz.
1 tin grapefruit		1 lb. 4 ozs.
1 tin cream rice		1 lb.
1 tin gooseberries		1 lb.
1 tin garden peas		15 $\frac{1}{2}$ ozs.
4 tins peaches		each tin 1 lb. each.
1 tin steak		15 $\frac{1}{2}$ ozs.
1 tin broad beans		1 lb. 3 ozs.
2 tins mandarin oranges		each tin 11 ozs.
1 tin orange juice		1 lb. 13 ozs.
1 tin steak and gravy		1 lb.
2 tins strawberries		each tin 1 lb. 4 ozs.
1 tin stewed mutton		1 lb.
1 tin lambs tongues		12 ozs.



Details of samples taken by the County Sampling Officers within the Hollingbourn Rural District during the year ended 31st December, 1959.

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<u>Article</u>	<u>No.</u>
Alka Seltzer .. .. .	1
Antiseptic Ointment .. .. .	1
Beer .. .. .	4
Biscuits .. .. .	1
Butter .. .. .	1
Butter Drops (containing real butter) .. .. .	1
Celery Soup .. .. .	1
Cheese .. .. .	2
Coffee and Chicory Mixture .. .. .	1
Cojene .. .. .	1
Cooking fat .. .. .	1
Cream .. .. .	2
Gin .. .. .	2
Ice Cream .. .. .	1
Influenza Capsules .. .. .	1
Lard .. .. .	1
Luncheon Meat .. .. .	1
Lung Tonic Pastilles .. .. .	1
Milk .. .. .	22
Milk of Magnesia.. .. .	1
Minced Beef Loaf.. .. .	1
Orange Juice .. .. .	1
Orange Marmalade.. .. .	1
Pepper.. .. .	1
Pork Sausages .. .. .	2
Rice .. .. .	1
Sugar, cube.. .. .	1
Sugar, Denerara .. .. .	1
Sugar, Moist .. .. .	1
Throat Lozenges .. .. .	1
Whisky.. .. .	1

Total: 59

Summary

Milk	22
Drugs	7
Spirits	3
Other Samples	27

59

All of the above samples were genuine.

WATER SUPPLY

<u>Sampling</u>	<u>Bacteriological Examination</u>		<u>Results</u>
<u>Type of Water</u>	<u>No. of samples</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>
Main	5	-	5
Raw	11	7	4

Results of examinations carried out by the three Water Undertakings are also received regularly.





FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959

PART 1 OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises  (1)	Number of Register  (2)	Number of		
		Inspections  (3)	Written Notices  (4)	Occupiers prosecuted  (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.....	51	3	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.....	26	3	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)...	34	-	-	-
Total	111	6	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases")

Particulars  (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted  (6)
	Found  (2)	Remedied  (3)	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector  (4)	By H.M. Inspector  (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)					
Overcrowding (S.2).....					
Unreasonable temperature (S.3).....			NIL		
Inadequate ventilation (S.4).....					



Particulars  (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted  (6)
	Found  (2)	Remedied  (3)	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector  (4)	By H.M. Inspector  (5)	
effective drainage of floors (S.6) .....	Nil				
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
) Insufficient.....	Nil				
) Unsuitable or defective.....	Nil				
) Not separate for sexes .....	Nil				
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out- let).....	Nil				
Total	Nil				





PART VIII OF THE ACT

(Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work  (1)	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 110(1)(c)  (2)	No. of cases of default in sending list to the Council  (3)	No. of prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists  (4)	No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises  (5)	Notices served  (6)	Prose- cutions  (7)
Wearing) Making apparel) etc. Cleaning and Washing	2					
Household linen						
Lace, lace cur- tains and nets						
Curtains and furniture hang- ings						
Furniture and upholstery						
Electro-plate						
File making						
Brass and brass articles						
Fur pulling						
Iron and steel cables and chains						
Iron and Steel anchors and grapnels						
Cart gear						
Locks, latches and keys						
Umbrellas, etc.						
Artificial flowers						
Nets, other than wire nets						
Tents						
Sacks						
Racquet and tennis balls						



## PART VIII OF THE ACT (contd.)

## Outwork

(Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 110(1)(c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
per bags	Nil					
e making of xes or other ceptacles or parts ereof made wholly partially of paper	Nil					
ash making	Nil					
e picking	Nil					
ther sorting	Nil					
ding, etc., buttons etc.	Nil					
uffed toys	Nil					
cket making	Nil					
colates and etmeats	Nil					
aques, istmas stock- s, etc.,	Nil					
tile ving	Nil					
pshades	Nil					
TOTAL	Nil					





### PEST CONTROL

	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>1959</u>
Number of visits made for all purposes, including survey and treatment	3989	5442	5601
Number of premises surveyed	1857	2017	2102
Number of infestations found	589	306	433
Number of infestations treated	600	292	421
Number of bodies found	1388	713	511

The need for a Rodent Operator as part of the department's staff is confirmed by the increasing inspections carried out not only by survey but as also by request. The Council provide a 5 cwt. van for the exclusive use of the operative.

The operator also carries out disinfection and disinfection. Hibernating flies and wasps have founded the bulk of the extra work.

### PUBLIC CLEANSING

With the re-organisation of the department the following services are now operated from the Cleansing Depot at Harrietsham:-

Refuse collection including salvage  
Refuse Disposal  
Cesspool and Bucket Emptying  
Operation and Maintenance of Sewers, Sewage Disposal Works  
and Sewage Disposal Plants on Council Housing Estates.  
Rodent and other Pest Destruction.

#### Refuse Collection and Disposal

The shorter hauls from the collection rounds to the controlled tip at Harrietsham have permitted the continuation of the use of one vehicle on each of the two daily rounds. These are 10 and 18 Cubic yard vehicles. The spare 10 Cubic yard vehicle is used on the lighter rounds and in case of breakdowns.

Apart from the practical impossibilities of controlling an unfenced and ungated tip, the operation has been carried out without serious incidents. There is no shortage of covering material. During November 200 Railway Sleepers were purchased to facilitate access to the tipping face and to prevent the wasteful practice of using hardcore. Tyre replacements and alterations to the ballasting of the tractor have assisted considerably.

Light iron is stored at the tip and waste paper and rags at the Depot prior to removal by the Contractor. The following amounts have been collected during the year:-

33 tons $1\frac{1}{2}$ cwts. of light iron value	£ 80 : 0 : 0
80 tons 3 cwts. of waste paper value	£191 : 11 : 6
12 cwts. of rags value	£ 6 : 0 : 0



### Cesspool Emptying

The four cesspool emptying vehicles have been in continuous operation. As the tractor is confined to part time use in the tip at the moment, one crew operate the second hand vehicle as well. Breakdowns and staff shortages prevent a one hundred per cent service.

Apart from disposal into the Corporation of Maidstone sewers and tipping at Boughton Malherbe which had to cease early in the year, indiscriminate tipping into roadside woodland and onto farmland has formed the bulk of disposal. 3,285 requests were received and 8,569 loads were removed totalling 7712100 gallons.

The following table shows the monthly and yearly working for 1958 and 1959:-

<u>Month</u>	<u>1958</u>		<u>1959</u>	
	<u>Requests</u>	<u>Loads</u>	<u>Requests</u>	<u>Loads</u>
January	302	610	276	742
February	292	694	290	686
March	395	581	280	679
April	346	796	323	641
May	201	596	256	602
June	210	684	231	610
July	281	912	269	775
August	277	802	282	720
September	213	642	233	690
October	245	710	254	658
November	538	902	232	647
December	218	934	269	648





## DEATHS PER MONTH IN EACH PARISH

DEATHS PER MONTH IN EACH PARISH

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	TOTALS
Bicknor	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Boughton Malherbe	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Boxley	1	3	3	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	-	19
Bredhurst	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	3
Broomfield	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chart Sutton	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	3
Detling	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	2	1	-	1	-	6
East Sutton	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Frinsted	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Harrietsham	1	3	1	1	3	3	1	-	-	2	-	2	17
Headcorn	-	2	2	2	2	2	2	-	-	2	2	-	16
Hollingbourne	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	3
Hucking	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Langley	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	4
Leeds	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	7
Lenham	-	4	2	3	5	4	5	2	-	1	2	1	29
Otterden	-	7	2	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	1	13
Stockbury	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	1	7
Sutton Valence	-	4	2	-	1	1	-	1	1	2	-	-	12
Thurnham	-	-	-	-	4	2	-	-	-	-	2	1	9
Ulcombe	-	1	2	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	1	9
Wichling	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Wormshill	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	3
TOTALS	5	28	19	7	20	18	16	10	10	12	12	10	167

All the above have been officially notified by the local Registrar or by transfer from outside areas. In addition ten transferable deaths have been included in the Registrar General's Return, but cannot be allocated to parishes.



Birth-rates, Death-rates and Analysis of Mortality  
in the year, 1959

Area	Rate per 1,000 population	Annual Death-rate per 1,000 population				Rate per 1,000	
						Live Births	Related Births
	Live Births	All causes	Tuberculosis	Cancer of lung	Other cancer	Total Deaths under 1 year	Still Births
England and Wales	16.5	11.6	.08 P	.46 P	1.67 P	22.0	20.7
Hollingbourn R.D.	17.81	9.76	-	.59	1.18	20.97	20.54
Maidstone R.D.	17.53	9.55	.10	.46	1.97	27.95	15.29
Malling R.D.	17.62	11.23	.21	.56	1.80	27.20	15.74
Maidstone Borough	16.69	10.49	.14	.37	1.57	20.87	24.65
County of Kent	15.63	11.67	.07	.52	1.95	18.22	19.18

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TOTAL DEATHS 1959

<u>Causes of Death</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-
2. Tuberculosis, other	-	-
3. Syphilitic disease	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections	-	-
7. Acute poliomyelitis	-	-
8. Measles	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	-
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	10	-
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	3
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	1
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasm	9	5
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	-
16. Diabetes	-	-
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	13	19
18. Coronary disease, angina	14	10
19. Hypertension with heart disease	4	-
20. Other heart disease	9	12
21. Other circulatory disease	1	5
22. Influenza	2	1
23. Pneumonia	7	3
24. Bronchitis	4	2
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	1	-
26. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-
27. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	-
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	1	1
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	4	-
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-
31. Congenital malformations	3	-
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	14	9
33. Motor vehicle accidents	-	2
34. All other accidents	1	3
35. Suicide	1	-
36. Homicide and operations of war	-	-
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# GENERAL SUMMARY

Estimated resident population	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16,850	
Area (in acres)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	56,810	
Persons per acre	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.296	
Annual Birth rate per 1,000 population - crude	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16.97	
corrected	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17.81	
Annual Death rate per 1,000 population - crude	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10.50	
corrected	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9.76	
						Male	Female	Total	
Births	..	..	..	..	..	..	152	134	286
Deaths	..	..	..	..	..	..	101	76	177
Excess of births over deaths	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	109
Pulmonary tuberculosis death rate per 1,000 population	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-
Other tuberculosis death rate per 1,000 population	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-
Cancer death rate per 1,000 population	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1.77
Pneumonia (all forms) death rate per 1,000 population	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.59



